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## Volunteers Needed for *The Polar Express*™

Peninsula, OH - Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is seeking volunteers to spread holiday cheer aboard *The Polar Express* $^{\text{m}}$ . This holiday program is based on Chris Van Allsburg's enchanting book *The Polar Express* $^{\text{m}}$ , about a young boy's trip to the North Pole.

Children clad in pajamas board the train in Akron or Independence and travel through Cuyahoga Valley National Park to hear the story of the Polar Express, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, and sing carols on their way to the North Pole. At the North Pole, through the train's windows, children see holiday characters, elves hard at work . . . and Santa!

Volunteers are needed to play Santa and the elves who will read the story, assist in creating a festive atmosphere, serve cookies and hot cocoa, and more. Training will be provided. Be a part of this holiday tradition that creates lasting memories for children of northeast Ohio from Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> (except November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>).

Those interested can complete the online volunteer agreement at <a href="www.cvsr.com/volunteer.aspx">www.cvsr.com/volunteer.aspx</a> to receive details to volunteer or call the Polar Express Hotline at 800- 468-4070 x 236.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for 41 years. For more information about the railroad, visit www.CVSR.com .

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